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Examiner: Massarotto Luigi
Group A.U.: 1732
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RESPONSE

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on 09/25/2003.

Restriction to a single species

In compliance with the requirement of the Examiner to elect a single disclosed and claimed species under 35 U.S.C. 121, Applicant hereby elects the species recited in Claims 1 to 9 (Group I according to the Examiner's indications), as per enclosed set of claims.

Applicant notes that if a generic claim is found to be allowable, he will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all of the limitations of an allowed generic claim, as provided for by 37 C.F.R. 1.141.

In any case, the right is explicitly reserved to file divisional applications for the non-elected embodiments, should this become necessary.

Prosecution on the merits is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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